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THE THOMAS COUNTY CAT.

Official County And City Paper.

W. G. PORTER, Editor.

Inter-state commerce is the chief topic at Washington.

Van Wyck's man was elected speaker of the Nebraska legislature.

The famous Buffalo Jones, of Finney county, is contesting the seat of Myton in the state legislature.

Lawrence, Kansas, had a big fire the 9th of January. The new water works were of no avail, being frozen up solid.

Hon. G. W. Goodsoe reached Topeka Jan. 5th, and is at the Windsor. He will have a splendid chance to get acquainted with all by being there so early. Mr. Goodsoe's many friends here feel that he will do splendid work for Thomas county this winter.

A second Ashtabula near Tiffin, O., on Jan. 3. Probably fifty killed and more injured in different ways. A limited express going 60 miles per hour runs into a freight train. The blame so far is put upon the freight conductor. It is asserted also that the freight engineer was drunk.

Wendall Items.

Mr. Ira Thompson has gone to Iowa on a visit. We hope Ira will enjoy himself. What ails Jerry Williamson? He looks as though he had been run through a patent washer, from there through a Chinese laundry. No wonder, for he has a wife nowadays. There was a grand carpet rag hop at Noah Thompson's Christmas Eve.

Ralph Fitzsimmons is somewhat worried over Commissioner Sparks's ruling. Ralph says, "Girls, won't you marry?" But what for poor Seneca? He won't say, "Girls, won't you marry?"

The pleasures of the party on Christmas Eve were somewhat checked about ten o'clock in the evening by the death of a fine young male of J. H. Williams's, but the old proverb was looked at in consideration.

I see Wiley Williams is with us again. Change of climate appears to blacken his mustache. Carpenter says he is going to college to freshen his memory.

Eden.

Most of the boys of Eden are still alive, and have concluded to remain in the garden throughout the new year. All of the boys swore off hatching Jan. 1st, 1887, and will share their fate with Eve's fair daughters before the roses bloom again.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Gettig gave them a very pleasant surprise on New Year's eve. The evening was spent in chatting, singing and merry games, and the last, but not the least, a delicious supper prepared by the ladies, and heartily enjoyed by the batchelors.

There is some talk of organizing a school district west of Eden. A school is very much needed in this vicinity as there are about twenty-five children of school age outside of any district.

F. L. Newton is putting down a well for J. A. Dobbs.

Rev. J. F. Martin has bought a dozen chickens and is going into the poultry business.

If you want a good meal stop at the half-way house, W. M. Brown, prop.

The B. & M. surveyors are running a line on the divide between the North and South Saps.

Mr. W. D. Mitchell, of Morgan township, was visiting with Frank L. Newton.

ONE OF THE BOYS.

COLBY, KANS., Dec. 27.

One of the finest entertainments took place at the residence of Mr. John H. H. Williams, of Thomas county, Kansas, on Christmas day, as one would wish to attend, with a grand dinner and a ball in the evening, at which many of his old friends attended. There were also fine presents to the family, all acknowledging to have had the best time they ever had, enjoying themselves until the eleventh hour. Music was rendered by the Solomon string band. On breaking up of the party a grand invitation was extended to those present by Mr. and Mrs. Hughes for New Year's.

CLEARMONT, Mo., Jan. 3d, 1887.

Ed. CAT—You claim that Colby has the biggest liar in the world. Now this is claiming a little too much for so young a town as Colby. You may have the biggest liar west of the Missouri river, but Nodaway county, Mo., claims the honor on this side of that classic stream. Well, the CAT is a good paper, and I can't do without it, and as this is the first instance where I have known it to claim too much for Colby, I will pass it by and when my time is up I will forward you another \$1.50. Yours, etc., CAPT. A. M. SCOTT.

School Report.

The following is the monthly summary of school taught in district No. 26, of Thomas county, Kansas, for the month ending Jan. 7, 1887:

Whole number of days taught, 20.
Number of pupils enrolled, 21.
Average daily attendance, 18.
Names of pupils neither absent nor tardy: George Crabtree, George Gordan, Jessie Gordan, Alonzo Lowery.
Names of pupils 100 in delinquent: Oscar Overhiser, Mollie Southard, Cora Southard.
MRS. ELLA N. COCHRAN, Teacher.
Quickville, Kan., Jan. 7, 1887.

Notice For Publication No. 6953.

Land Office at Oberlin, Kans. Jan. 5, 1887.
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Probate Judge Thomas county at Colby, Kans., on March 16, 1887, viz: O. L. White D. S. No. 2824 for 16 sq. sec. 1, town 7 south, range 27 west. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Wm. Brindle, G. W. Benson, John Ackerman, L. Warner, all of Quickville, Kansas.
A. L. PATCHIN, Register.
45-56 Jan. 15

Notice No. 6888.

U. S. Land Office, Oberlin, Kans. Nov. 13, 1886.
Complaint having been entered at this office by Stephen D. Miller against Ernest Gebner abandoning his homestead entry No. 9471 dated May 11, 1886, upon the sw. qr. sec. 22, town 8 south, range 26 west, in Thomas county, Kans., with a view to the cancellation of said entry:
Contestant alleging that defendant has wholly failed to establish a residence on said land and that he has not built a house on said land and that there is no improvement on said land.
The said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 16 day of Feb. 1887, at 10 o'clock, a. m., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged abandonment.
A. L. PATCHIN, Register.
King & Co. 44-47 Jan 6

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION No. 6855.

Land Office at Oberlin, Kans. Dec. 30, 1886.
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and that said proof will be made before Probate Judge of Thomas county Kans. at Colby, Kans. on March 13, 1887, viz: Andrew K. Reed, D. S. No. 4638 for the ne. qr. sec. 17, town 7 south, range 26 west.
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: David Eastinger, Edward Halliday, Thomas Harris, James Nottingham, all of Colby, Kans.
Andrew Reed having D. S. 3004 on the same land is hereby notified to appear at the same time or his D. S. will be canceled.
A. L. PATCHIN, Register.
44-49 Jan 6

Notice for Publication No. 6924.

Land Office at Oberlin, Kans. Dec. 31, 1886.
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and that said proof will be made before Judge District Court or in his absence the Clerk thereof at Colby, Thomas county, Kansas, on Feb. 22, 1887, viz: Charles A. Hess, D. S. No. 7428, for the se. qr. section 30, town 5 south, range 26 west. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land viz: William Swartwood, Joseph Clark, Zachariah Troyer, Charles Erickson, all of Sapperton, Kansas.
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